

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Carol B. Lear, J. D., Executive Secretary
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SUBJECT: Nomination to the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission

DATE: April 22, 2009

State Superintendent Patti Harrington is soliciting nominations for positions on the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission. Three positions (defined under UCA 53A-6-302 (1)) are open for three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2009. All three of the positions must be filled by classroom teachers.

A candidate nominates himself/herself by submitting a vita and an application. The process may also include a personal interview. Applications and vitae are due to Carol B. Lear, J. D., Executive Secretary, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, 250 East 500 South, P. O. Box 144200, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4200, on or before May 22, 2009. An individual may also nominate a qualified colleague.

The Superintendent will ensure a balanced representation from throughout the state when making appointments. Members who will continue to serve on the Commission are from Logan, Murray, Salt Lake City, Duchesne, Alpine, and Park City School Districts. This does not rule out applicants from these districts; however, candidates from other areas of the state may be given preference. Educators from private and parochial schools will also be considered. Once an educator applies for the Commission, the application is retained to be considered for vacancies or new appointments, if the educator is not initially selected.

Please encourage outstanding teachers in your school districts to apply for positions on the Commission. Attached is a copy of a nominating application. The membership of this committee is even more critical (and interesting) due to the media's current interest in educator ethics and background check concerns. You may make additional copies or you may print the information from our website, www.schools.utah.gov/uppac. For further information, interested educators may contact me at (801) 538-7835 or Renate Muelleck at (801) 538-7745.

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